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SUBJ: ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS SEMINAR

REF: USDOC 172

1. UPON REFLECTION, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT USDOC GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ELIMINATING RECEPTION (PARA 2 REFTEL) FROM SEMINAR PROGRAM.

2. RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH THESE AFFAIRS HAS NOT BEEN FAVORABLE; THEY HAVE PROVEN TO BE ALMOST ENTIRELY NON-COST-EFFECTIVE. SOVIET TURN-OUT HAS TENDED TO BE POOR, WITNESS RECEPTION HELD FOR DECEMBER 1973 AGRICULTURAL/IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT MISSION AT WHICH APPROXIMATELY 30 SOVIETS WERE ENTERTAINED AT COST OF \$1100. ALTERNATIVE OF HOLDING RECEPTIONS ON EMBASSY PREMISES HAS SERIOUS DRAWBACK THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SOVIET INVITEES EITHER UNABLE/UNWILLING ATTEND. IN SUM, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE BECOME LOCKED INTO CONCEPT THAT TRADE MISSION PROGRAMS MUST INCLUDE RECEPTION AND THAT TIME HAS COME TO CONSIDER BREAKING PATTERN.

3. IF USDOC BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT RECEPTION SHOULD BE RETAINED IN CURRENT CASE DUE TO COMMITMENTS TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, EMBASSY CAN MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR PRINTING OF INVITATIONS THROUGH HELSINKI FIRM AND ASSISTANCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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